GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1389
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ACCOUNTING SYSTEM FOR STOCK OF COAL
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have conducted any study to examine the figures given in the book-stock and physical stock of coal in the various subsidiaries of Coal India Limited during the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any manipulated figures of stock and production are maintained to cover up the coal shortage in depots due to pilferage or to make up loss of the targeted coal production;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Government in this matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) & (b) Coal India Limited conducts coal inventory checks annually to examine the figures given in the book-stockand physical stock of coal in each of its subsidiary companies, unit-wise. In addition, in every subsidiary company routine coal stock measurements are being taken up monthly at unit level, quarterly at area level and half-yearly at subsidiary level. If the difference between book-stock and the measured stock is upto +/- 5% and is below 1000 tonnes the shortages or surplus is ignored as this is regarded as a survey error. The details of company-wise book stock, physical stock and shortage of raw coal during last three years are given in the statement at Annexure-I. The coal stock measurement in respect of 2001-02 is in progress.

(c), (d) & (e) Coal India does not maintain any manipulated figures of stock and production. However where the variation between the book-stock and physical stock exceeds 5% and 1000 tonnes, an investigation is carried out to fix up responsibility for such shortages. The details of action taken against officers in respect of shortage of ground stock are given in the statement at Annexure-II.

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.1389 for answer on 23-7-2002

Annexure-I

COMPANY WISE BOOK STOCK, PHYSICAL STOCK AND STOCK-SHORTAGE DURING 1998-99,1999-2000 AND 2000-2001

(Figures in lakh Te.)

Company	1998-1999			1999-2000			2000-2001		
	Book Stock	Phys ical Stock (Stati stical) 5% and/or > 1000 Te.	Shorta ge	Book Stock	Phys ical Stock (Stati stical) 5% and/or > 1000 Te.	Shorta ge	Book Stock	Phys ical Stock (Stati stical) 5% and/or > 1000 Te.	Shorta ge
ECL	42.91	42.00	Nil	28.72	26.93	1.19	24.08	22.99	0.96
BCCL	51.15	41.19	9.34	28.49	25.64	2.12	22.97	21.55	0.76
CCL	47.23	46.84	Nil	45.84	45.13	Nil	31.86	31.78	Nil
NCL	22.87	22.88	Nil	14.31	14.31	Nil	7.73	7.66	Nil

WCL	33.07	32.74	Nil	23.17	23.02	Nil	21.85	21.81	Nil
SECL	62.65	61.59	Nil	70.94	69.85	Nil	66.56	65.19	Nil
MCL	40.65	39.81	Nil	54.62	53.74	Nil	29.28	28.93	Nil
NEC	8.44	8.42	Nil	5.74	5.54	Nil	4.64	4.52	Nil
CIL	308.97	295.47	9.34	271.83	264.16	3.31	208.97	204.43	1.72

Annexure-II

DETAILS OF ACTION TAKEN AGAINST OFFICIALS IN RESPECT OF SHORTAGE OF GROUND STOCK

Details	ECL			BCCL		
	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-01	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-01
No. of officers involved.	Nil	25	27	39	22	1
Details of action taken						
(a) Exoneration/warning		7	0	8	0	0
(b) Dropped/closed		1	2	9	2	0
(c) Penalty awarded		14	0	13	5	0
Total		22	2	30	7	0